



County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Social Services

Bryce Yokomizo
Director

June 27, 2002

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: *Bryce Yokomizo*
Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: ADVISORY FROM CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) notified us today that advance assistance payments the State normally disperses to us cannot legally be made until the 2002-03 State Budget is enacted. This includes the July California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) advance scheduled to be received tomorrow. The State will only make payments that are authorized under the State constitution, a continuing appropriation, or required in order to comply with federal law. Therefore, State and federal funds will only continue to be provided, in the absence of a State budget, for programs mandated by federal law, such as the Food Stamps program. The CalWORKs, Adult Protective Services (APS) and Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) programs are not mandated by federal law, therefore, advance payments cannot be made. The enactment of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program ended the federal entitlement to benefits under the former Aid to Families with Dependent Children program. APS and CAPI are State mandated programs.

Under the provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11207, counties are obligated to continue administering the CalWORKs, APS, and CAPI programs even though the State is not legally able to advance the funds. This obligation extends to benefit payments, required work activities and supportive services including child care.

The Auditor-Controller (A/C) assures us that the County's cash balances are sufficient to cover July welfare payments and there will be no delay in benefits issuance. The A/C is contacting the State Controller to determine the State's ability to disburse funds for other County programs during the period that the State continues to operate without a budget. The A/C will also ascertain the overall impact of delayed State funding on the County's cash flow.

I will update you on any further developments. Please call me if you need additional information or your staff may contact Susan Kerr at (562) 908-8309.

BY:tm

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Auditor-Controller
Treasurer and Tax Collector



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July 1, 2002

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: CalWORKs CHILD CARE PROGRAM

This is to provide you with continuing reports on enrollment rates and expenditures for CalWORKs subsidized child care as requested in your September 8, 1998 motion.

Enrollment Rates and Expenditures

Prior quarter data on the number of CalWORKs children receiving child care:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Stage 1 Children</u>	<u>Stage 2 Children</u>	<u>Stage 3 Children</u>	<u>Total Children</u>
1/2002	20,721	35,847	8,839	65,407
2/2002	17,669	36,522	9,352	63,543
3/2002	20,141	35,834	9,682	65,657

Child Care Expenditures for July 1, 2001 through March 31, 2002	
Stage	Amount of Expenditure
1	\$99.4 million
2	\$133.7 million
3	\$32.6 million

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State Funding for CalWORKs Stage 1 Child Care

As announced in his May Revise Budget, the Governor has suspended his proposal to restructure subsidized child care programs in California. Funding for the CalWORKs Child Care Programs has been restored to the baseline levels. This will allow our Department to continue to fully meet the child care needs of our CalWORKs participants who are working or pursuing their welfare-to-work activities.

BY:np

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Child Care Planning Committee